

**MINUTES**  
*Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District*  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
*August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*  
8:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** Billy Mann, Craig Kucera, Herff Cornelius and Deedy Huffman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Neil Hudgins, General Manager, Sandra Horris

**Guest:**

**PRESIDING:** Deedy Huffman

1. Director Deedy Huffman called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m., at the Matagorda County Office Building, 4th Floor Conference room.

**Public Comments**

2. Neil opened the floor for Public Comments
  - 2.1 None.

**Review and Approve Minutes from the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Public Hearing and Board of Directors meeting**

3. Herff Cornelius made a motion to accept minutes as written; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

**Manager's Report**

4. a. The Financial Report stated that the current year's budget, which started October 1st, 2022 was at 59.7% of the budget used, check registers balance \$383,269.48, the list of bills paid from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the investment report was presented.
  - 4.1 Billy Mann made a Motion to approval the financial as presented; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Texas Drought Report was presented by Neil Hudgins for review.
- c. Mr. Hudgins presented the board with a copy of the Well Monitoring report, indicating decreases in level but nothing alarming.
- d. Water Usage Report was presented
- e. Upcoming meetings: Groundwater Summit, last week of August.

### **Review and Approve Permit Applications and Permit Renewals as presented in Public Hearing.**

5. Herff Cornelius made a motion to approve the Permit Application as presented; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Approve Budget Amendments**

6. Billy Mann made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Approve Agreement with Matagorda County concerning Statement mail-outs**

7. Craig Kucera made a motion to approve the agreement as presented; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Propose 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget**

8. Herff Cornelius made a motion to propose a budget expense amount of \$273,782.00 as presented; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Propose 2023 Tax Rate**

9. Herff Cornelius made a motion to propose a No New Revenue rate of .00352 per \$100 valuation; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Discuss Legislative Representation Service Agreement with GM Ellis Law**

10. Craig Kucera made a motion to approve the Legislative Representation Agreement with GM Ellis Law; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Approve GMA Bylaws , interlocal agreement with monetary contributions**

11. Billy Mann made a motion to approve the Bylaws and interlocal agreement for \$7,500.00, this agreement and monetary amount is for 5 years; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Review and Discuss CPGCD Management Plan update**

12. Craig Kucera made a motion to propose 38,892 acre feet for the CPGCD Managed Available Groundwater (MAG); it was seconded by Billy Mann. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Review CPGCD Rules on Management of Groundwater Waste**

13. No action taken

#### **Review and Approve the Invest Policy**

14. Herff Cornelius made a motion to Approve the Invest Policy with no changes; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comments/Announcements**

15. None

#### **Date/Time/Place for next meeting.**

16. September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 8:00am

#### **Adjournment**

17. Craig Kucera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 am; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously

